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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lewis A. Bullock, Jr.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01/09/02 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jordan (U.S. Patent 4,868,785).

As to claim 1, JORDAN teaches a method of passing parameters within a customized command environment (macro editor / function editor) (col. 3, line 17 – col. 5, line 20) comprising: storing the command environment (macro / function instructions) as an array of strings (array of strings) (via parameters stored as a array of strings); adding at least one parameter as a string variable to the array (fill in parameters in parameter block) (col. 15, lines 40 – col. 16, line 18; col. 13, line 49 - col. 14, line 34; col. 17, line 31 – col. 18, line 22; col. 30, lines 37-65); and invoking the customized command environment with the added parameters (via execute the macro / function) (col. 16, lines 20-45).

As to claim 2, JORDAN teaches creating the customized command from within a programming application (macro editor) (col. 15, lines 40 – col. 16, line 18; col. 13, line 49 - col. 14, line 34; col. 17, line 31 – col. 18, line 22; col. 30, lines 37-65).

As to claim 3, JORDAN teaches creating the parameter within the programming application (macro editor) (col. 15, lines 40 – col. 16, line 18; col. 13, line 49 - col. 14, line 34; col. 17, line 31 – col. 18, line 22; col. 30, lines 37-65).

As to claim 4, JORDAN teaches the parameter is selected from a group consisting of standard characters (user fills in parameters via a standard input device, i.e. keyboard) or special characters (mouse events).

As to claims 5-8, reference is made to a computer usable medium that corresponds to the method of claims 1-4 and is therefore met by the rejection of claims 1-4 above.

As to claims 9-11, reference is made to a system that corresponds to the method of claims 1-3 and is therefore met by the rejection of claims 1-3 above.

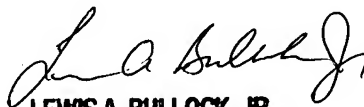
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 305-0439. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng An can be reached on (703) 305-9678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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